

(i) Whether it has noted that during the last 3 years the actual receipts of the Forest Department fell far short of the budget estimates ;

(ii) Whether it has noted that the explanation generally given for the fall in receipts is paucity of demand for timber ; and

(iii) Whether the unprecedented floods towards the close of the year 1909 did in any way affect the sale of timber by the Forest Department in 1909?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

The answers to parts (i), (ii) and (iii) are in the affirmative.

Sale of Timber.

Mr. C. A OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

51. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the receipts of the Forest Department by sale of timber and other forest produce in Karkadagam in the years 1907, 1908 and 1909?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

A statement giving the information asked for is laid on the table. (*Vide Appendix 1.*)

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Do these figures given in Appendix I show the sales that actually took place in the Karkadagam of 1907, 1908 and 1909 ?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

No.

Extractions from the Forests.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

52. Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing, for the last ten years, the extractions from the Cochin Forests under (i) teak, (ii) rose-wood, (iii) jungle-wood and (iv) cart-loads of fuel ?

Mr. K. GOVINDA MENON (*Conservator of Forests*).

A statement containing the information asked for is laid on the table. (*Appendix 2*)

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Is the fall under extractions in teak and rose-wood, from 1903 onwards, due to the paucity of demand for timber?